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COINS LOG

A regular COINS subsystems managers meeting was held at NSA at 1000 on the 14th of May 1970. Unfortunately, no one in the Support Staff knew anything about it until it was over. None of our usual friends had let us know it was to happen; let us hope by oversight. The following information was gleaned from a conversa-

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tion with [ ]

He thought the only bombshell in the meeting was his annouce-ment that CIA was not going to give financial support to the COINS switch (as designed in the "contingency agreement").

CIA has written a memo to the COINS manager signed by Red White which should be out on the 14th of May. CIA feels that the present m anner of budgeting is too complicated; that NSA has the System Manager should go to the BoB which is already aware of COINS for all the money not needed for COINS internally by the agencies. In other words, all external funds should be budgeted by NSA. Actually, funds for the 360/30 switch in the DIA budget were approved. [ ] felt that the money   STAT in the contingency agreement was to reimburse DIA for some of the things they could not do because of COINS and the budget reductions.

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There was a discussion on the update of files. George felt that
the files should have fields added with the record information date and
date of update of each record.

The semi-annual report was supposed to be out today at last.

ACDA wants a COINS terminal. I do not know if they have the
required area for a SI terminal. There have been other terminal difficulties;
DIA has been late getting MOD 37's. However, If there are not enough Mod 37's
which are necessary for the GE635. But the time of the switchover to the
635 system in DIA, some subsidiary terminal users like State, the
NIC, will have to close down until the 37's arrive. So I do not know
how this will effect the ACDA terminal.

The 635 switch-over will probably lead to other problems. Under
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George wants [ ] to name a CIA member [ ]

Bob doesn't know who in CIA is much interested in this matter.

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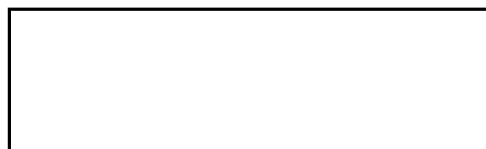
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George is sending a letter to CIA asking for NPIC to come back

into the COINS system in a passive mode; as a user without

contributing any files to the system. Bob does not know how this

will be received. He thinks that the solution to the NPIC security

problem probably depends on how HQS. solves their own COINS

security problems. However, OCS has still arrived at no solution on

getting COINS off the /67 (which they are most anxious to do) and

onto an eight hour shift.

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